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Remote Learning this Half Term

Dear Year 13 and Parents/Carers,

I am writing with an update following my brief message last night about our plans for remote learning this half term.

We are at an advantage this time around having developed many independent learning skills during the first lockdown. The addition of live lessons will help to structure your day and provide a little more normality to your learning. Those of you who did this so well last time know they can do it again and perhaps some of you may be wiser in your approach this time. Remember that we do not know the arrangements for awarding of grades- this means that we must continue to work as hard as possible and to gather as much evidence of your progress.

I have outlined below our plans for this half term and some questions that have already been raised.

Remote Learning

We will be continuing to teach by live online zoom lessons, which started today. Please make sure that you have read the guide carefully (I have reattached this). It is important that you ready to join the lesson at the start - once the teacher has started the lesson is locked and you won't be able to join late.

The zoom lessons will follow your normal timetable. If a member of staff is ill and not able to deliver a live lesson they will let you know. The resources for each week will also be uploaded to Teams.

Attendance to Online lessons

You are expected to attend all online lessons as if you were in school. Attendance is recorded in the same way and parents will be contacted if you do not attend a lesson. If you are ill and not able to attend an online lesson please follow the usual attendance procedure - a parent/carer should email Miss Williams (Attendance Officer) lwilliams@roundhayschool.com

Monitoring of Work Set

In the first lockdown we had 96% engagement with the work that was set by your teachers, which was brilliant! Your teachers will again be expecting you to submit work

as part of your remote learning. Work not submitted is recorded weekly and will be followed up by a member of the Sixth Form/Tutor Team each week.

Free School Meals / 16-19 Bursary

Students who receive Free School Meals or the 16-19 Bursary will receive a weekly bank transfer or £15 each week for the rest of this half term. If your situation changes and you believe that you may now be eligible for either Free School meals or the 16-19 Bursary please email sixthform@roundhayschool.com

Enrichment

To keep our wider enrichment going this half term we will be covering the following sessions.

Students who have applied to UCAS

Monday 18 January – I will send an audio presentation on UCAS decisions (and will also create a Q&A opportunity)

Monday 1 February – we will be looking at accommodation and student finance.

There will also be a Parent Student Finance Presentation released later this half term.

Students who are looking for apprenticeships/employment

Mrs Metcalf, our Sixth Form Careers Manager will be holding some online sessions to support exploring apprenticeships/employment that will start later this half term.

FAQ

Are mock exams still taking place?

Mock exams will not take place as planned this month. It is too early to indicate if mock exams will take place next half term (or later). We will communicate any further decisions as the situation evolves.

Will UCAS grades be considered in any assessment process for the awarding of grades this summer?

No. UCAS grades were only set for the purpose of your UCAS application.

When will we know how grades are to be awarded this summer?

There has been no time frame published for this but we will continue to keep you updated throughout the process.

If you have any further questions or we can help you in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing sixthform@roundhayschool.com

Yours sincerely



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